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## HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

### PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY: Herman Herring Building  
Address of property Street: 817 S. Bond St.  
City: Baltimore County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: Md. Zip Code: 21231  
Name of historic district in which property is located: Fell's Point

#### 2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

The building is L shaped, 3 stories tall with full basement. Bond and Shakespeare-Street facades are of a dark red, hard-burned face brick with a fine white mortar joint. Alley & yard elevations are laid in a softer, common brick with joints  $\frac{1}{4}$  &  $\frac{3}{8}$ " wide. The Bond St. elevation is 2 bays wide. On 1st flr, are a pair of doors (over)

#### 3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(use reverse side if necessary)

This is the second building to be constructed on the southeast corner of Bond and Shakespeared St., the foundations of which still remain in the western end of the structure. The original known occupant of this property was Aquila Johns (over)

Date of construction (if known): 1876 ☒ Original site ☐ Moved Date of alterations (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name: Margaret E. Dougherty  
Street: 817 S. Bond St.  
City: Baltimore, Md. 21231 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number (during day): Area Code 301 - 269-3507.

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.

Signature: Margaret E. Dougherty Date: 3/16/80

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The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and ☒ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6). ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of said district.

Signature: J. M. H. Date: 4-1-80  
State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954

☐ is hereby certified a historic structure

☐ does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of the National Register

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with a glass transom, and a double hung window. At 2nd flr. are 2 floor-length double hung windows. The lower sashes slide up into pickets in the wall so one can step out onto a cast iron balcony that runs across this elevation. . . . The 3rd flr has 2 double-hung windows.

The Shakespeare St facade is 9 bays long. Toward the middle of the facade, between 2nd and 3rd flr windows, is a datestone with names of the owners and builder. At the 3rd bay from eastern end, is a door with transom light leading into stair hall. All other openings contain double hung windows.

All openings have cast iron lintels on these two facades, plus a bracketed cornice. Along the Shakespeare St. side is an areaway with a wrought and cast iron railing, lighting the basement rooms and giving access to the basement service entrance. The 5 double hung windows at this lower level have solid panelled shutters. This areaway 2'6" wide and 43'4" long is one of the few true English basements in Baltimore. The platform in front of the Shakespeare St. side entrance is actually a bridge over the areaway.

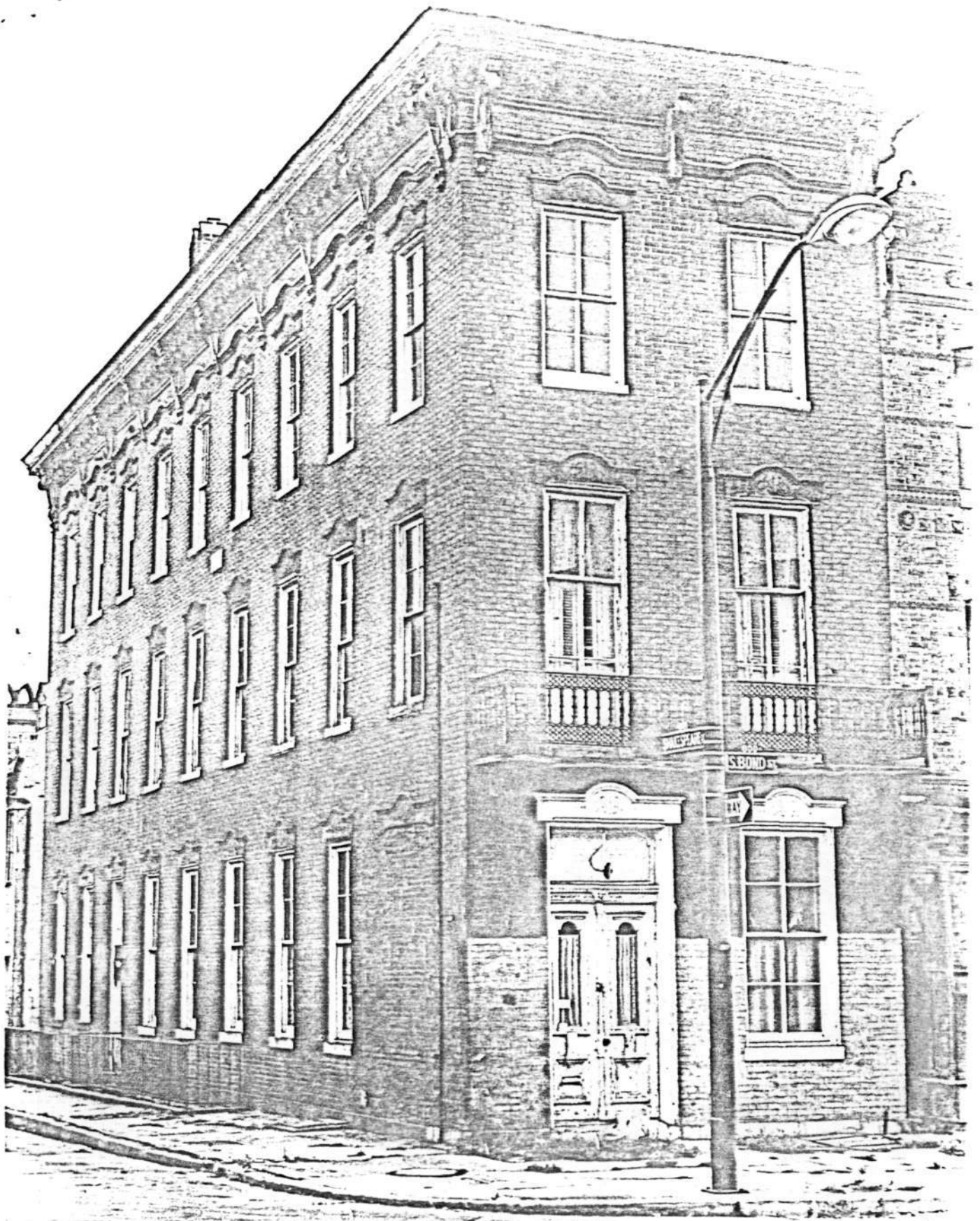
See Historic Structures Report for 817 S. Bond St., Fell's Point prepared by Edmunds & Hyde, Inc., Baltimore, July 1978 available at the Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.

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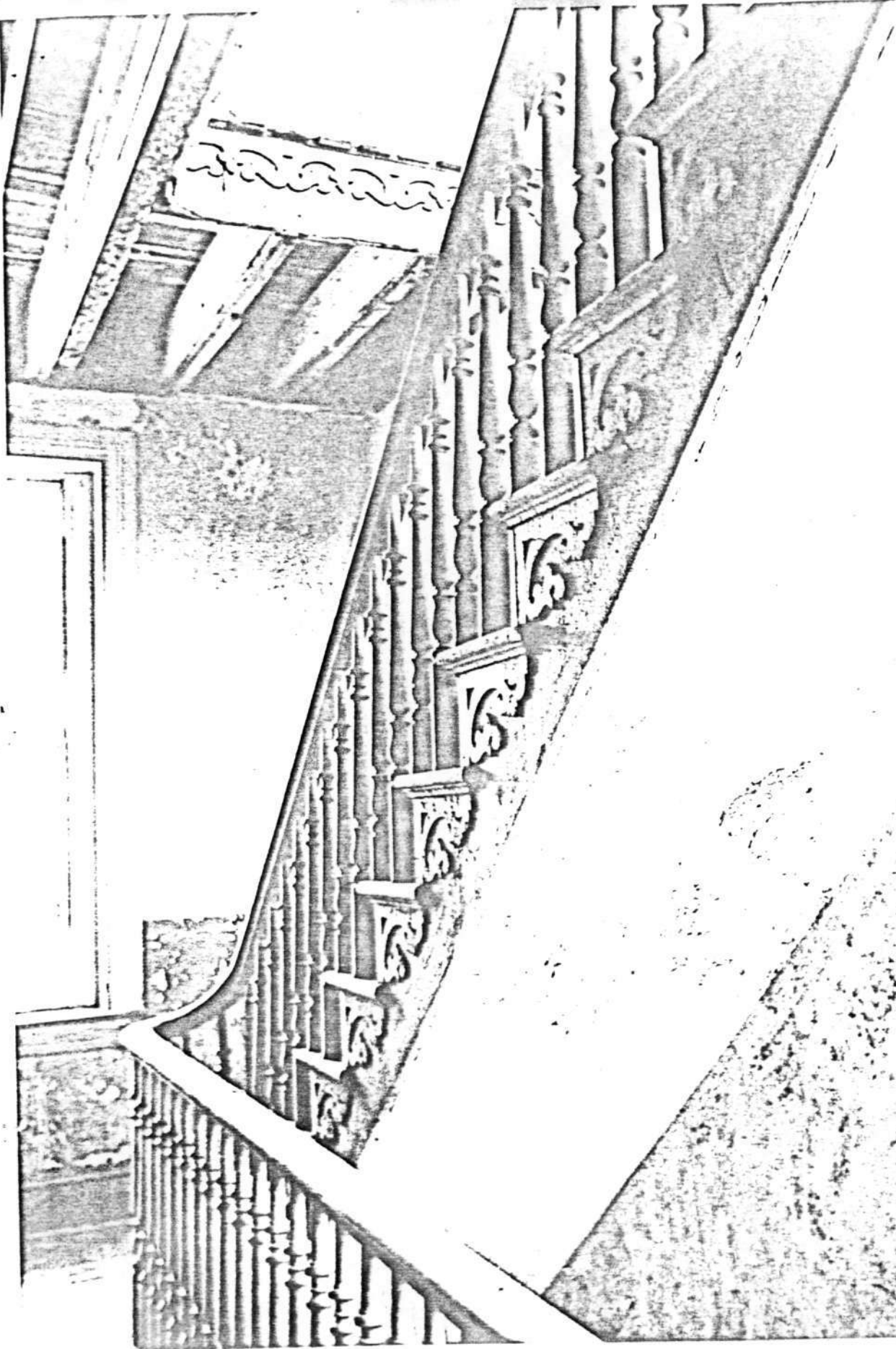
in 1771 when the area was owned chiefly by the Fell family and was devoted to shipping and shipbuilding trades and occupations. However, the first known reference to a building on the site of this 817 S. Bond St. property was in 1796 when the city directory lists Thomas Keaton, cordwainer and a Mr. LeClaus, carpenter, living at this corner.

The property passed through a number of hands until Sept. 1863 when a Mrs. Johanna Herring, with her husband Hermann Herring, acting as her trustee, purchased the house on the corner from a George Presstman. She also purchased a 2-story brick house on Shakespeare St. that was adjacent to the first piece of property. In the mid 1870's, the Herrings decided to rebuild on their 2 adjacent properties. The present building was completed in 1876. F. Garling is shown as the builder.

At the time Fell's Point was made a registered historic district, Milton F. Grigg, F.A.I.A. was engaged to conduct an architectural survey of the buildings within the district. He listed 817 S. Bond St. as being one of the 20 most significant buildings on Fell's Point and considered it the most important building of the 2nd half of the 19th century in the historic district.







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Baltimore East Quad.

